

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7499
ANSWERED ON:15.05.2000
PLOT AND DESIGN FOR LAYING NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any plans to plot and design the possible routes for laying National Highways connecting various places in the country and the Expressways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the alternate steps made by the Government to lay roads, in such of those places or localities where it is practically impossible or difficult to acquire the required land for laying and construction of roads;
- (d) whether the Government have the possession of required maps for carrying out the construction works on the National Highways; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT

(DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) A statement giving details of criteria for declaration of new national highways is at Annexure-I.
- (c) Central Government is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of national highways only. It is to be appreciated that it is impossible to construct National Highways without adequate land width being available for this purpose.
- (d) & (e) Yes, Sir. Maps published by Survey of India are available with the Government. However, detailed survey and investigation are carried out for individual projects.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 7499 FOR ANSWER 15TH MAY, 2000 BY SHRI P.D. ELANGO VAN REGARDING PLOT AND DESIGN FOR LAYING NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

The criteria for the declaration of State road into National Highway is as under :-

- (i) Roads which run through the length and breadth of the country.
- (ii) Roads connecting adjacent countries.
- (iii) Roads connecting the National Capital with State capital and roads connecting mutually the State capitals.
- (iv) Roads connecting major ports, large industrial centres or tourist centres.
- (v) Roads meeting very important strategic requirements.
- (vi) Arterial roads which enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and achieve substantial economic growth thereby.
- (vii) Roads which help opening up large tracts of backward area and hilly regions.
- (viii) National Highway grid of 100 Km is achieved.

Further the declaration of National Highways is considered based on the requirements of the country as a whole and not particularly with respect to any local requirements.

